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Rodanthe Bridge

NCDOT will hold public meetings in January to present two alternatives for the long-term Rodanthe bridge and gather feedback. Details for the meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Ocracoke Community Center 1009 Irvin Garrish Highway Ocracoke

Open House: 4 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center 23186 Myrna Peters Road Rodanthe Pre-Hearing Open House:

3 - 6 p.m.

Cape Hatteras Secondary School 48576 Highway 12 Buxton

Formal Presentation: 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Dare County Administration Building - Room 168 954 Marshall Collins Drive Manteo Pre-Hearing Open House:

5 - 6:30 p.m.

Formal Presentation: 7 p.m.

B-2500 January 2014 Hearing Handout

The department advertised the design-build project on Nov. 1. The design-build teams will be shortlisted after public input is considered and a decision is reached, which is anticipated to be made early 2014. The contract is scheduled to be awarded in late spring/early summer 2014.

- Alternative Bridge Location in Pamilco Sound
- Alternative Bridge Location within Current Easement

An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rodanthe project has been completed and is available for public review. The EA is posted to this website under the Environmental Documents section, and hard copies are available at several locations along the Outer Banks (see the list in the <u>December 2013 newsletter</u>). All comments on the EA are due by Friday, January 24, 2014.

Pea Island Bridge

NCDOT awarded a contract on November 27, 2013, to build a permanent bridge where the temporary one now stands on Pea Island. The contract was awarded to Parsons Construction Group Inc. of Greenville, SC. for \$79.7 million. Construction on the new bridge can begin as early as Jan. 6, 2014. The new bridge is scheduled to open to traffic in spring 2016. As part of the bid, the contractor committed to completing the work within 800 calendar days and pay \$5,000 per day for any days over 800.